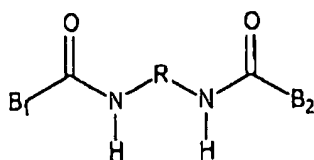


## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Process for preparing a high-molecular weight polyamide, polyester, copolyester, copolyamide or polyester-amide block copolymer comprising ~~by~~ melt-mixing a polyamide, ~~a~~ polyester, copolyesters or a mixture or mixtures of a polyamide and/or a polyester having a lower molecular weight, than the polymer obtained with the process of the invention, with ~~an~~ a diisocyanate, wherein the diisocyanate is a blocked diisocyanate having the following formula



- wherein R = linear, branched or cycloaliphatic C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> or aromatic C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> and B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub> = caprolactam, imidazole, dimethyl-pyrazole, triazole, oxim, malonic acid ester, ethylacetylacetonate, phenol, cresol, aliphatic alcohol, secondary amine, or hydroxyl benzoic acid methyl ester, and wherein the polyamide, polyester, copolyesters or a mixture of mixtures of polyamide and/or polyester having a lower molecular weight comprises amino or hydroxyl end groups.
2. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the blocked diisocyanate is present in an amount use is made of 0.005 to 4 wt.% of the blocked diisocyanate, relative to the polyamide, the polyester, the

copolyester or the mixture or mixture of polyamide and/or polyester  
having a lower molecular weight ~~both~~.

3. (Previously Presented) Process of claim 1, wherein the melt mixing is done in an extruder.
4. (Original) Process of claim 3 wherein the extruder is a twin-screw extruder.